

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMON COUNCIL  
IN SPECIAL SESSION  
Tuesday, December 27, 19 74

CITY OF FORT WAYNE, INDIANA  
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OF THE COMMON COUNCIL

The Common Council of the City of Fort Wayne met in the Council Chambers  
Friday evening December 27 A.D., 19 <sup>74</sup>~~47~~, in Special  
Session. President Samuel J. Talarico in the chair, and  
Charles W. Westerman Clerk, at the desk, present the following  
members viz:  
Burns ✓, Hinga ✓, Kraus A  
Moses ✓, Nuckols ✓, Donald Schmidt A  
Vivian Schmidt ✓, Stier ✓, Talarico ✓  
Absent 2  
Councilmen Kraus, Donald Schmidt,

The invocation was given by ~~Member of Common Council~~ (Robert J. Sullivan) - Reading clerk for council -

Received report from the City Controller for the month of \_\_\_\_\_,  
19\_\_\_\_. Motion made and carried that report be made a matter of record and  
placed on file.

The minutes of the last regular \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_,  
special \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_,

Session having been delivered to the Council, were, on motion, approved and  
published.

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## THE CITY OF FORT WAYNE

27 December 1974

Dear Councilmembers and Fellow Citizens:

The year 1974 is rapidly approaching an end. We will soon be welcoming in 1975. With this changing of the year we will also be seeing a new President of the Fort Wayne City Council emerge. This meeting tonight, December 27th, is the last scheduled meeting of this Council for 1974, it is also the last time I will preside over this legislative body as City Council President. I would briefly like to look back over the year 1974. This has been a year that many people across the nation will probably criticize and paint a gloomy picture of. From energy problems to unemployment, from the resignation of a President to a shortage of sugar, 1974 has had its fair share of problems.

It's easy to bring out the bad things around us, but I would like to look at some of the good things I personally have seen take place during 1974. Numerous worthwhile programs and projects have taken place during 1974 through cooperation between the City Council, the Lebamoff Administration, and

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the citizens of Fort Wayne. We here in Fort Wayne have been fortunate in 74, most of the economic and social problems touching many people across the nation today are not really hitting us as hard as they have hit others.

There are always some projects and programs that particularly interest each one of us. I have always been partial to, and in some cases helped to sponsor, safety, recreation and park type programs for the young and old alike. I've always liked the people type programs and have felt that sometimes a little money can go a long way in these areas. I was particularly happy to see the 1974 Revenue Sharing Package contain some excellent park and recreation programs. In 1974 we began acquiring new areas of land throughout the city for future park sites. We have seen tremendous improvements in our parks through the Open Space Grant. In fact, Reservoir Park, Hanna Homestead, Swinney, and Justin Study have gotten a real face lift this past year. The street tree planting program was also continued through Revenue Sharing, and we also may see some bike trails around some of our parks next summer. One particular program that was in danger of being discontinued because of our tight budget in 74 was the Saturday morning programs. Thanks to Revenue Sharing funds and the cooperation of the Council and the schools

we not only saved the program but actually expanded it to seven schools. Of all the programs we have in the city, this has been the one that really has interested me and I have been very enthused over. We also used Revenue Sharing funds to put up new fencing and backstops at five of our baseball diamonds in the City. Projects like these provide the opportunity for our kids to be involved in recreation and sports.

I've also seen some safety programs implemented that have been vital to our citizens. We presently have more adult crossing guards than ever. Our Emergency Medical Services has already made over 14,000 calls this year.

This has also been a good year in efforts to house and provide recreation for our senior citizens. Along with the operations at Beacon Heights and North Highlands, we now have Tall Oaks in operation and construction has begun at the Harmer Street site, which will soon be the Maumee Terrace Complex. So, I can see that we have moved ahead in 1974 in these and many other areas.

In 1974 we have met many of our problems and have begun to solve them. We are still fighting some things that menace our city and trying to rid ourselves of such problems. One area I am still concerned with is the smut and pornography that

still exists in the adult bookstores. We are still fighting these establishments and with proper assistance from the courts and with State legislation we may be able to close their doors for good. I have always fought to close these establishments down and will continue to do so throughout my term on this Council. I still believe we can win this battle against smut and hard core pornography.

In closing tonight I would just like to again say that a spirit of cooperation and working together towards a common goal can accomplish a lot. This Council has not agreed on every matter before it, but we have worked together when it counted to bring about good positive programs. It has truly been an honor to serve as Council President for 1974. I will always remember this honor and I thank the people of Fort Wayne, as well as the Council Members for allowing me to serve as the President of the City Council for the year 1974.

Sincerely yours,

  
Samuel J. Talarico  
City Councilman-at-large

CALL, CONSENT AND WAIVER OF NOTICE OF A SPECIAL  
MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT  
WAYNE, INDIANA, TO BE HELD FRIDAY, DECEMBER  
27, 1974, at 5:00 P.M., E.S.T.

We, the undersigned, being all of the members of the Common Council of the City of Fort Wayne, Indiana, do hereby call a special meeting of said Council to be held on Friday, December 27, 1974, at 5:00 o'clock P.M., E.S.T. and jointly and severally waive notice of the time, place and purpose of said meeting and consent that same be held on the aforesaid date for the exclusive purpose, for introduction and action on rate and bond ordinance for the Fort Wayne City Utilities. This meeting is to be held within the City Council Chambers, City County Building, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

<u>Samuel J. Talarico</u>	<u>William S. Sejanidz</u>
<u>Eugene Kraush</u>	<u>Paul M. Burns</u>
<u>John Fickels</u>	<u>William T. Huger</u>
<u>William H. Moss JR.</u>	<u>D. Schmidt</u>
<u>James S. Huer</u>	

Dated this 17th of December, 1974

Charles W. Westerman  
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The Council then adjourned.

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that I am the duly elected, acting and incumbent City Clerk of the City of Fort Wayne, Indiana and as such the custodian of the records of the Common Council of said City and that the above and foregoing is the true, full and complete record of the proceedings of the Common Council of the City of Fort Wayne, Indiana for its Special Session, held on Friday the 27th day of December, 19 74; that the numbered ordinances and resolutions shown therein were duly adopted by said Common Council on said date and were presented by me to the Mayor of the City of Fort Wayne and were signed and approved or disapproved by said Mayor as and on the dates shown as to each such ordinance and resolution respectively; and that all such records, proceedings, ordinances and resolutions remain on file and record in my office.

WITNESS my hand and the official seal of the City of Fort Wayne, Indiana, this 27th day of December, 19 74.

  
Charles W. Westerman  
City Clerk

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